

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: by Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 21, 2007 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 737, HB 735
Executive Action: HB 581, HB 661, HB 504, HB 735

HEARING ON HB 735

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:24 Rep. Edward Hilbert (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on
HB 735, Allow for rural address on driver's license.
[EXHIBIT\(trh39a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:26 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:01 Rep. Arntzen
00:05:25 Rep. Hilbert
00:06:33 Mr. Roberts, MVD
00:07:05 Rep. Arntzen
00:07:23 Mr. Roberts
00:07:42 Rep. Malcolm
00:08:05 Mr. Roberts

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:31 Rep. Hilbert

HEARING ON HB 737

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:35 Rep. Edward Hilbert (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on
HB 737, Revise motor vehicle law.
[EXHIBIT\(trh39a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(trh39a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:47 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
00:20:42 Butch Huseby, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:22:01 Roger Hagen, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
00:22:44 Mark Taylor
00:23:34 Marilyn Olsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:18 Rep. Nooney
00:24:42 Rep. Hilbert
00:24:54 Mr. Roberts, MVD
00:25:14 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Association
00:26:03 Rep. Kottel
00:27:10 Ms. Nordlund
00:31:56 Rep. Sonju
00:32:36 Ms. Olsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association
00:33:26 Ms. Nordlund
00:35:21 Rep. Malcolm
00:35:28 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:13 Rep. Hilbert

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 581

00:39:35 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 581 DO PASS.**

00:39:48 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 581 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (trh39a04)

Discussion:

00:41:32 Rep. Sonju
00:41:41 Rep. Furey
00:42:19 Rep. Hilbert
00:42:35 Rep. Sonju

00:42:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:56 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 581 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:43:04 Rep. Hilbert
00:43:46 Rep. Kottel
00:44:12 Rep. Hilbert
00:44:23 Rep. Nooney
00:44:52 Rep. Furey
00:46:40 Rep. Arntzen
00:47:25 Rep. Wiseman

00:49:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye.

00:50:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 581 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 661

00:50:54 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 661 DO PASS**.

00:51:11 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 661 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(trh39a05)

Discussion:

00:51:31 Leanne Heisel

00:52:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:02 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 661 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:53:16 Rep. Furey

00:53:51 Rep. Malcolm

00:54:32 Rep. Nooney

00:55:13 Rep. MacLaren

00:55:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye. Rep. Hilbert abstained.

00:56:45 **Motion/vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 661 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 735

00:57:24 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 735 DO PASS**.

00:57:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 735 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:58:14 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 735 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:58:26 Rep. MacLaren

00:58:40 Rep. Hilbert

00:59:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 504

00:59:36 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 504 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:56 Rep. Hilbert

01:00:41 Rep. Arntzen

01:01:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 504 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Rep. Wilson
voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

01:03:41 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh39aad.pdf](#))